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18 Apr 06

Mr. R. B. Havens
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Dear Mr. Havens:

This letter serves as a response to your letter dated January 23, 2006 to Naval Facilities Engineering Command regarding the proposed construction of a new municipal solid waste transfer station on north Rockland Key, north of Naval Air Station Key West (NASKW) Boca Chica Field.

Per your request, we have reviewed the "Construction and Operation Permit Application and Engineering Report" for the transfer station, enclosed with your January 23rd letter. Our review was specific to potential Bird and Animal Strike Hazards (BASH) associated with the construction and operation of the proposed facility. Our comments are provided in enclosure (1).

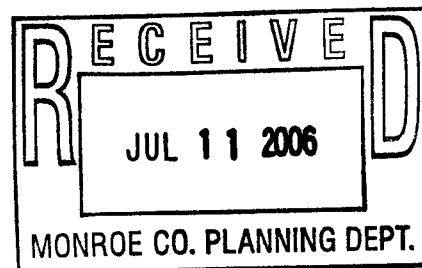
Early in the development of the proposed facility, NASKW informally requested the City of Key West provide us with at least one location of a similarly designed and operated facility in the South Florida area. I would like my Environmental and Airfield Operations staff to visit such a facility to observe first hand the potential bird strike hazards associated with it. Therefore, before I can endorse a new transfer station on Rockland Key, I respectfully request you coordinate with my staff to arrange for an inspection of such a facility.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the permit application and express our comments and concerns. My point of contact for this matter is my Environmental Director, Mr. Edward Barham. He may be reached by e-mail at barhamed@naskw.navy.mil or by phone at 305/293-2911.

Sincerely,

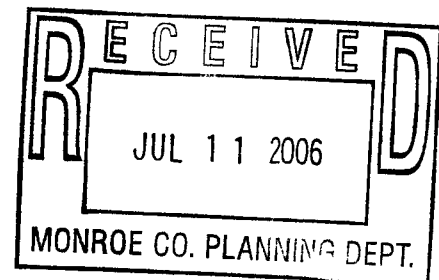
J. K. SCHOLL
Captain, U. S. Navy
Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. NASKW Comments



Naval Air Station Key West Comments & Concerns
Proposed Construction and Operation of a New Municipal Solid Waste Transfer
Station on North Rockland Key

- 1) It is not defined clearly in the report whether or not all recycling is located within the enclosed transfer area. According to attachment G-1 there are two designated areas for recycling, one in the enclosed section of the transfer station and one area outside the enclosed section. Our concern in having any recycling located outside is the possibility of poorly cleaned recyclable items. Poorly cleaned recyclable items could result in wildlife becoming attracted to the transfer station and potentially creating a BASH concern.
- 2) How often do you expect unauthorized dumping occur? How does the City of Key West propose to control unauthorized dumping of waste near the transfer station? As stated in Part B, Section 2.6, "unauthorized waste will be properly disposed of as soon as practical". Please define "as soon as practical"?
- 3) Housekeeping efforts must be performed according to the guidelines specified in the FAA Advisory Circular 5200.33. Concerns with failed housekeeping protocol would be a potential increase in bird activity within the approach/departure corridor of one of NAS Key West runways.
- 4) The plan calls for two storm water retention ponds. These fresh water ponds are a concern due to the potential of them becoming an additional bird attractant. Does the City have a plan to discourage the use of these ponds by birds?



Read into Record 7/12/06

July 12, 2006

Monroe County Planning Commission
Marathon Government Center
2798 Overseas Highway
Marathon, FL

RE: Agenda item 6. MAJOR CONDITONAL USE Section 9.5-69

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to voice my objection to the conditional use permit approval for a transfer station on Rockland Key.

The property is zoned (I) and this use requires H-2 zoning. I believe that this use, regardless of the proposed construction and attempts to control odors, noise and hazards will have a significant impact to all homeowners on Calle Uno and Calle Dos. These properties may not be within the 300 foot surrounding radius but will most assuredly be adversely affected by this use. Truck traffic and noise, potential fire hazards, hazardous waste soil and water contamination, unauthorized dumping, birds and living with the odors will all become a reality regardless of planning.

It is my understanding that when considering applications for a conditional use permit the planning director and commission shall consider the extent to which the conditional use is consistent with the character of the immediate vicinity of the parcel for proposed development. The immediate vicinity does include a neighborhood of families in sixty homes on Calle Uno and Calle Dos whose peaceful enjoyment, quality of life and property values will be substantially reduced regardless of the planning conditions being met by this heavy industrial use.

I understand the need to provide these facilities and I respectfully request that the County Planning Commission consider other locations for this heavy industrial use.

Sincerely,

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Rockland Key, FL

